



## Pre-Show Performance Information

The National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is an annual celebration that brings people together to share a message of hope and peace. This year's event will take place on Thursday, December 4, on the Ellipse in President's Park in Washington, D.C., and will be presented by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation.

The National Park Service will select approximately 10 groups to perform on a volunteer/pro-bono basis before the program. Pre-Show entertainers will be stationed between sections of folding chairs, near guests waiting in line, or in the grassy "standing room only" areas, putting the audience in the holiday spirit. All performers are encouraged to wear warm, festive attire or costumes that would stand out in a crowd. In appreciation, the name of each Pre-Show group will be printed in the souvenir program, and each Pre-Show participant will receive a seat to enjoy the lighting ceremony.

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### Pre-Show Selection Criteria:

1. Quality of entertainment (including the ability to put the audience in the holiday spirit)
2. Diversity of entertainment (including type of act, musical style, group location, and group composition)
3. Ability to perform 45-60 minutes of Christmas or seasonal entertainment in cold weather

Please contact the Pre-Show Staff at [thenationaltree@gmail.com](mailto:thenationaltree@gmail.com) with any questions.

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### Pre-Show Application Process:

1. A group representative must complete the *2014 National Christmas Tree Lighting Pre-Show Application Form*. Please write clearly or type into the document itself.
2. Provide a brief demonstration of your performance through a YouTube video, internet link, MP3 file, CD, or DVD. (Online links or digital attachments are preferred.)
3. You may also include additional materials that would help the National Park Service evaluate your group (i.e., photos, descriptions of proposed costumes, biographies, copies of awards and news articles). Please note that entry materials **will not** be returned.
4. Send your application to [thenationaltree@gmail.com](mailto:thenationaltree@gmail.com) or mail to the following address:

The National Park Service, President's Park  
Attn: Anne Daniels, c/o Monamma AL-Ghuiyy  
1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Room 344  
Washington, DC 20242

(Due to security procedures, please allow an additional 2-3 delivery days for mail delivery.)

**Deadline:** Entries should be delivered no later than **6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, 2014**. All applicants will be notified of the National Park Service's decision as soon as possible. If selected, applicants will be asked to confirm that they are available on the event date.



## Pre-Show Application Form

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**Name of Group or Individual** *(as you would like it to appear in any event-related materials)*

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**City and State** *(as you would like it to appear in event materials)*

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**Number of Performers**

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**Main Contact Person**

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**Contact Phone Number**

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**Contact Email**

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**Full Mailing Address**

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**YouTube and Website Information**

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**Instruments and/or Special Equipment:**

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**Act Description** *(What will the audience experience? What makes it Christmas/seasonal entertainment?):*

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**How will your performance be affected by inclement weather** *(heavy rain, snow, and/or extreme cold):*

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**Reason(s) the National Park Service should select your group to perform:**

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*(If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets.)*